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TO: DIRECTOR.

FOR: LIMIT CE/EE/H INFO CE/EE, DC/CIC, CEO/CIC

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SUBJECT: NEWSPAPER ARTICLE CONCERNING JAMES G. MCCARGAR

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TEXT:

1. ACTION REQUIRED: NONE, FYI.

2. STATION AND AMBASSADOR APPRECIATED REF A SYNOPSIS ON JAMES
GOODRICH MCCARGAR. FOR HQS RECORDS, FOLLOWING IS TRANSLATION OF
ARTICLE "WASHINGTON'S CHIEF SPY IN BUDAPEST" AS IT APPEARED IN 30
JUNE EDITION OF LOCAL DAILY NEWSPAPER "NEPSZAVA":

WASHINGTON'S CHIEF SPY IN BUDAPEST

THIS WINTER IT WILL HAVE BEEN 45 YEARS SINCE A YOUNG DIPLOMAT AT
THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY IN BUDAPEST RECEIVED A CODED MESSAGE:
INCONSPICUOUSLY, BUT WITHIN FOUR DAYS, LEAVE THE HUNGARIAN CAPITAL.
JAMES MCCARGAR FOLLOWED THE ORDERS, BECAUSE FOR HIS POSITION HE
COULD SEE MOST CLEARLY THAT THE COMPLETE TAKING OF POWER BY THE
SOVIET AND COMMUNISTS WAS AT HAND--AN EVENT WHICH WOULD END HIS
ACTIVITIES HERE. IT SEEMS THAT THE YOUNG HISTORIAN DIRECTED
INFORMATION GATHERING IN HUNGARY. WHEN IT BECAME CLEAR THAT IN
PLACE OF A DEMOCRATIC HUNGARY A SATELLITE STATE OF THE SOVIET UNION
WOULD BE CREATED, HIS PRIORITY SUDDENLY WAS TO SNEAK OUT OF THE
COUNTRY, AND FORM A FOREIGN COUNTRY ASSIST THE POLITICAL ACTIVITIES
OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTIES--BEFORE THE PARTIES WERE MADE TO
DISAPPEAR IN THE GULAG OR THE COUNTRY'S JAILS.

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN FIFTY YEARS MCCARGAR SPOKE WITH AN MTI
CORRESPONDENT ON HOW (AFTER WORKING IN MOSCOW AND VLADIVOSTOK) HE
CAME TO BUDAPEST AND BUILT AN INFORMATION GATHERING NETWORK. JAMES
MCCARGAR IS A UNIQUE WITNESS TO AN AGE. FOR EXAMPLE, HE KNEW
FERENC NAGY, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SMALLHOLDER'S PARTY WHO WAS
FORCED TO EMIGRATE, AS AN EXCEPTIONAL MAN OF VISION: HE REMEMBERS
HIM AS A MAN WHO COULD HAVE INFLUENCED THE FATE OF CENTRAL EUROPE.

JAMES MCCARGAR, WHO WITH HIS HEART AND SOUL SUPPORTED HUNGARIAN
AFFAIRS, HAD TO EXPERIENCE IN 1947 THAT HE, IN VAIN, HAD URGED
WASHINGTON TO ASSIST THE FAST SINKING HUNGARIAN EXPERIMENT IN
DEMOCRACY.

HIS, WITHOUT EXAGGERATION, HISTORICAL ROLE HUNGARY--DUE TO
BUREAUCRATIC REASONS--HAS REALLY NEVER BEEN ACKNOWLEDGED, WHICH
MAKES IT ALL THE MORE FORTUNATE THAT RECENTLY ARPAO GONCZ SIGNED A
DECISION THAT JAMES MCCARGAR RECEIVE THE REPUBLIC'S OFFICER'S CROSS
OF HONOR.

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